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Galloway Creek Greenway Reopening Saturday

Ozark Greenways invites cyclists, walkers, joggers, long-time trail supporters and anyone new to Springfield-Greene County's growing trail network to celebrate the reopening of Galloway Creek Greenway Saturday, Oct. 20, 11 a.m.

Join Ozark Greenways for a photo opportunity as we bicycle/walk/run together on the newly reopened trail connection at the southern terminus of Lone Pine Avenue, just north of the 60/65 interchange. We'll head south on the trail, turn around at the old James River Bridge and return north and celebrate at Galloway Station.

The Galloway Creek Greenway is a designated National Recreation Trail and is one of Ozark Greenways' busiest and most popular trails. A portion of the trail, connecting Sequiota Park with the Springfield Conservation Nature Center, has been closed for more than three years as the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) replaced two cloverleaf loop ramps with "flyover" ramps and rebuilt bridges at the US 60/65 interchange.

MoDOT has announced Galloway Creek Greenway may reopen Friday, Oct. 19, allowing eager trail users to once again enjoy this vital access point for fitness, fun and transportation. Until then, trail users are urged not to go beyond the trail closed signs and fencing.

Galloway Creek Greenway was designated as a National Recreation Trail in 2003 by the National Park Service and American Trails for its outstanding benefit to the Springfield community and the example it sets for other cities around the country.

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